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TITLE OF INVENTION: ORGANIZATION AND VISUALIZATION OF PERFORMANCE DATA IN SELECTED DISPLAY MODES

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## Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on June 9, 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4,6-10,18,19,26,29,31-35,43,44,51,54,56-60,68 and 69, renumbered as 1-27.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This Office action is in response to the amendment filed on June 9, 2008.
2. **Claims 1, 4, 6-10, 18, 19, 26, 29, 31-35, 43, 44, 51, 54, 56-60, 68, and 69** are pending.
3. **Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 18, 19, 26, 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 43, 44, 51, 54, 56, 57, 59, 60, 68, and 69** have been amended.
4. **Claims 2, 3, 5, 11-17, 20-25, 27, 28, 30, 36-42, 45-50, 52, 53, 55, 61-67, and 70-72** have been cancelled.
5. **Claims 1, 4, 6-10, 18, 19, 26, 29, 31-35, 43, 44, 51, 54, 56-60, 68, and 69** are allowed, renumbered as 1-27.
6. The objections to Claims 14-22, 39-47, 50, and 64-72 are withdrawn in view of Applicant's cancellation of the claims.
7. The 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections of Claims 7, 8, 22, 24, 25, 32, 33, 47, 57, 58, and 72 are withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendments to the claims or cancellation of the claims.
8. The 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejections of Claims 23-50 are withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendments to the claims or cancellation of the claims.

### ***Examiner's Amendment***

9. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

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Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Blanche E. Schiller (Reg. No. 35,670) on August 21, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 9, 10, 26, 34, 35, 44, 51, 59, and 60 as follows:

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said selected display mode is the function-centric display mode, and the thread data of a thread of said one or more threads comprises data indicating an amount of system resources consumed by the thread when executing a particular function of the at least one application.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said selected display mode is the thread-centric display mode, and the thread data of a thread of said one or more threads comprises data indicating an amount of system resources consumed by the thread when executing one or more functions of the at least one application.

26. (Currently Amended) A system of presenting data, said system comprising:  
a computing unit to:

select a display mode for displaying thread data of one or more threads of  
at least one application, said display mode comprising one of a function-centric

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display mode and a thread-centric display mode, wherein said selecting comprises dynamically switching, by a user, between said function-centric display mode and said thread-centric display mode;

display said thread data based on the selected display mode, wherein if the selected display mode is the function-centric display mode, focus is on what happens within one or more functions of the at least one application, and the display comprises displaying a hierarchical structure which includes one or more functions having a parental relationship to the one or more threads, the hierarchical structure including corresponding thread data for each of the one or more threads of the one or more functions, and wherein a function includes accumulated thread data of a plurality of threads children to the function; and

if the selected display mode is the thread-centric display mode, focus is on thread activity, and the display comprises displaying a hierarchical structure in which the one or more threads have a parental relationship to one or more other components of said at least one application, the hierarchical structure including corresponding thread data for each of the one or more threads, said corresponding thread data of a thread including accumulated data of a plurality of components to which the thread has a parental relationship.

34. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26, wherein said selected display mode is the function-centric display mode, and the thread data of a thread of said one or more threads

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comprises data indicating an amount of system resources consumed by the thread when executing a particular function of the at least one application.

35. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26, wherein said selected display mode is the thread-centric display mode, and the thread data of a thread of said one or more threads comprises data indicating an amount of system resources consumed by the thread when executing one or more functions of the at least one application.

44. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the displaying based on a thread-centric display mode comprises presenting a plurality of data structures in an organizational structure, said organizational structure being based on thread activities, and wherein the presenting comprises using a hierarchical structure of: process data structure→thread data structure→file data structure→function data structure.

51. (Currently Amended) At least one program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying at least one program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method of presenting data, said method comprising:

selecting a display mode for displaying thread data of one or more threads of at least one application, said display mode comprising one of a function-centric display mode and a thread-centric display mode, wherein said selecting comprises dynamically switching, by a user, between said function-centric display mode and said thread-centric display mode;



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displaying said thread data based on the selected display mode, wherein if the selected display mode is the function-centric display mode, focus is on what happens within one or more functions of the at least one application, and said displaying comprises displaying a hierarchical structure which includes one or more functions having a parental relationship to the one or more threads, the hierarchical structure including corresponding thread data for each of the one or more threads of the one or more functions, and wherein a function includes accumulated thread data of a plurality of threads children to the function; and

if the selected display mode is the thread-centric display mode, focus is on thread activity, and said displaying comprises displaying a hierarchical structure in which the one or more threads have a parental relationship to one or more other components of said at least one application, the hierarchical structure including corresponding thread data for each of the one or more threads, said corresponding thread data of a thread including accumulated data of a plurality of components to which the thread has a parental relationship.

59. (Currently Amended) The at least one program storage device of claim 51, wherein said selected display mode is the ~~function-centric~~function-centric display mode, and the thread data of a thread of said one or more threads comprises data indicating an amount of system resources consumed by the thread when executing a particular function of the at least one application.

60. (Currently Amended) The at least one program storage device of claim 51, wherein said selected display mode is the thread-centric display mode, and the thread data of a thread of

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said one or more threads comprises data indicating an amount of system resources consumed by the thread when executing one or more functions of the at least one application.

-- END OF AMENDMENT --

***Reasons for Allowance***

10. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The cited prior art taken alone or in combination fail to teach, in combination with the other claimed limitations, "wherein said selecting comprises dynamically switching, by a user, between said function-centric display mode and said thread-centric display mode; display said thread data based on the selected display mode, wherein if the selected display mode is the function-centric display mode, focus is on what happens within one or more functions of the at least one application, and the display comprises displaying a hierarchical structure which includes one or more functions having a parental relationship to the one or more threads, the hierarchical structure including corresponding thread data for each of the one or more threads of the one or more functions, and wherein a function includes accumulated thread data of a plurality of threads children to the function; and if the selected display mode is the thread-centric display mode, focus is on thread activity, and the display comprises displaying a hierarchical structure in which the one or more threads have a parental relationship to one or more other components of said at least one application, the hierarchical structure including corresponding thread data for each of the one or more threads, said corresponding thread data of a thread including

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accumulated data of a plurality of components to which the thread has a parental relationship” as recited in independent Claims 1, 26, and 51.

The closest cited prior art, the combination of US 6,611,276 (hereinafter “Muratori”), US 6,016,474 (hereinafter “Kim”), US 6,539,390 (hereinafter “Kiczales”), and US 6,553,564 (hereinafter “Alexander”), teaches a graphical user interface (GUI) that includes state indicators which show states of execution of threads running in microengines of a processor. However, the combination of Muratori, Kim, Kiczales, and Alexander fails to teach “wherein said selecting comprises dynamically switching, by a user, between said function-centric display mode and said thread-centric display mode; display said thread data based on the selected display mode, wherein if the selected display mode is the function-centric display mode, focus is on what happens within one or more functions of the at least one application, and the display comprises displaying a hierarchical structure which includes one or more functions having a parental relationship to the one or more threads, the hierarchical structure including corresponding thread data for each of the one or more threads of the one or more functions, and wherein a function includes accumulated thread data of a plurality of threads children to the function; and if the selected display mode is the thread-centric display mode, focus is on thread activity, and the display comprises displaying a hierarchical structure in which the one or more threads have a parental relationship to one or more other components of said at least one application, the hierarchical structure including corresponding thread data for each of the one or more threads, said corresponding thread data of a thread including accumulated data of a plurality of components to which the thread has a parental relationship” as recited in independent Claims 1, 26, and 51.

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### ***Conclusion***

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Qing Chen whose telephone number is 571-270-1071. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The Examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Wei Zhen, can be reached on 571-272-3708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the TC 2100 Group receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2100.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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